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**NEWS SUMMARY:**

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that Kevin Kaquatosh (age 20), a member of the Menominee Tribe, pled guilty in federal court to a two-count criminal indictment for assault causing serious bodily injury, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 113(a)(6) and 1153. Each count carries a maximum of ten years incarceration. Kaquatosh is scheduled to be sentenced on June 10 by Federal District Court Judge Lynn Adelman.

Kaquatosh pled guilty to charges from two separate offenses which occurred on the Menominee Reservation. On December 31, 2001, according to police reports from the first incident, Kaquatosh struck Marvin Wayka, Jr. in the head two times, causing an open skull fracture, a concussion, and an eight centimeter laceration to his head. Wayka's injuries required reconstructive surgery to repair. The second offense that Kaquatosh pled guilty to charged that he assaulted August Corn, Jr. on January 6, 2002. In that incident, Kaquatosh engaged in a fight with Corn and slashed his face with a knife, causing a six-inch by one-inch wound that ran from his temple to his jaw line, requiring more than 100 stitches to close.

Upon learning of Kaquatosh's guilty plea, Menominee Tribal Police Chief Judy Duquain stated she was pleased with the result and believes with this resolution, "justice will be done for the victims." She stated further, "Thanks to the FBI agents, tribal investigators, and the United States Attorney's Office for their hard work on this case. We wouldn't be where we are now with this case, if it hadn't been for their efforts."

The case was investigated cooperatively by the Menominee Tribal Police Department and the Green Bay Field Office of the FBI. Special Assistant United States Attorney Joy M. Bertrand is the prosecuting attorney in the case.

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